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Given to Gen. Ladd on Monday - March - 19. Accepted by him as fitting an assignment made directly to me on March 18. Request was a statement to

CIA and the Coordination of Intelligence

1. CIA has ~~the~~ a duty to effect coordination in intelligence. *Table Coordination*

This duty is imposed by that section of the National Security Act which charges CIA with making "recommendations to the NSC for the coordination of such intelligence activities of the departments and agencies of the Government as relate to the national security." In discharging this duty, CIA has made many specific recommendations, concurred in by the other members of the intelligence community, which have resulted in a comprehensive set of arrangements or assignments of responsibility to strengthen the national intelligence effort. These arrangements or assignments, some of which I will briefly describe, have been in a considerable measure responsible for the improved quality of our present intelligence product.

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2. By direction of the NSC, an Intelligence Advisory Committee, consisting of the DCI as chairman and the Chiefs of the seven ~~departments~~ ^{agencies} most concerned with Intelligence as members, has been operating for more than six years to maintain the relationship essential to coordination between the CIA and the intelligence organizations. This interagency forum, the "IAC," has since 1950 brought the resources of the entire intelligence community to bear upon the production of National Intelligence

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Estimates for the President and the National Security Council.

These estimates embody the best available coordinated opinion as to enemy capabilities and intentions or the probable courses of action of neutral or friendly foreign nations. By virtue of the Director's relationship to the NSC (which he personally briefs on current intelligence and otherwise serves as advisor) and as a result of the integration of his representative on the NSC Planning Board, these National Estimates are increasingly more responsive to national policy needs. The development by the IAC of an annual program for the production of estimates, revised on a quarterly basis or more often as necessary, has permitted each member agency to develop its own intelligence research program more effectively and economically.

3. In addition to its role in the coordination of intelligence opinion, the IAC has become an accepted forum for the consideration of problems in the coordination of intelligence activities. Where warranted, the IAC has established additional coordinating mechanisms or, on occasion, has eliminated duplication by recommending to the NSC the establishment of central intelligence services of common concern to the departments. Effective

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coordinating mechanisms and procedures have been established in the substantive fields of economic, scientific, atomic and basic intelligence. The result has been to assure the full use of the Government's available resources in an orderly manner and thus to strengthen research support in these respective fields for National Estimates and for the operations of the executive departments, in such fields as economic warfare and civilian defense. There has also been provided Coordinated guidance to the collectors of information in these fields of intelligence.

4. Special attention has been given to the coordination of the receipt, analysis and prompt reporting of current intelligence information which might indicate an impending crisis situation, such as the outbreak or imminent threat of hostilities involving the United States. The Watch Committee ^{a creation of KATAC} (which is currently under intensive interagency review for the purpose of effecting any possible improvements) comprehends a system which functions on a 24-hour basis. The Director depends upon this mechanism as a means to discharge his responsibility for alerting the President and the National Security Council in the case of imminent or actual attack.

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